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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - CHARTER DOCUMENTATION

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1. NACA HAS COMPLAINED TO DEPT THAT NEW (JULY 1) UK DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR AFFINITY CHARTERS ARE "BURDENSOME" AS WELL AS "UNNECESSARY".

. AS PRACTICAL MATTER, HOWEVER, CAB STAFF BELIEVES AFFINITY CHARTER RULES MUST BE TIGHTENED UP, AND LOOKS ON UK RULE AS STEP IN RIGHT DIRECTION.

3. ACCORDINGLY, REQUEST EMBASSY APPROACH HMG AND EXPRESS USG PROPOSAL THAT, IN VIEW STRINGENT NATURE NEW BRITISH REGULATIONS FOR AFFINITY, HMG EXTEND AUGUST 30, 1973 DEADLINE FOR ACCEPTING AFFINITY CHARTER APPLICATIONS IN US/UK MARKET TO COVER FLIGHTS THROUGH NOVEMBER 1, 1974. WE BELIEVE IMPOSITION OF NEW REQUIREMENTS SHOULD GO LONG WAY TOWARD COUNTERING TRANSGRESSIONS OF AFFINITY REGULATIONS. MOREOVER, USG BY NO MEANS SATISFIED AS YET THAT TGC REGULATIONS PROVIDE SATISFACTORY SUBSTITUTE FOR AFFINITIES, NOR

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LATIONS PROVIDE SATISFACTORY SUBSTITUTE FOR AFFINITIES, NOR

DOES IT APPEAR CERTAIN THAT ABC'S CAN BE COUNTED ON TO PRO-
VIDE DEPENDABLE VEHICLE FOR MASS LOW-COST TRAVEL. THEREFORE
USG WOULD BE CONCERNED THAT ELIMINATION OF AFFINITIES WOULD
PREJUDICE TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES FOR U.S. CITIZENS, AND FOR
OBVIOUS BALANCE OF PAYMENTS REASONS, WE WOULD ALSO BE CON-

CERNED BY ACTION THAT MIGHT IMPEDE FLOW OF UK TOURISTS TO
THE UNITED STATES. EMBASSY MAY DRAW, TOO, ON REFTEL B. RUSH

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